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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Patent Application of:)
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PRIEELS, J.P. et al.)
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Serial No.: 08/909,879)
) Group Art Unit: 1645
Filed: August 12, 1997)
) Examiner: R. Budens
For: VACCINE COMPOSITION)
CONTAINING ADJUVANTS)
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TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

For this appeal, Appellants are filing:

- (1) three copies of an appeal brief and appendix of claims;
- (2) three copies of an exhibit book;
- (3) a Request for Reconsideration;
- (4) a copy of the Decision on Petition;
- (5) a check in the amount \$600.00 for the Notice of Appeal and
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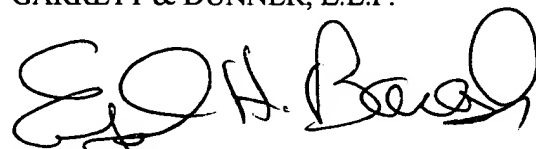
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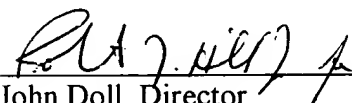
DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102 and MPEP 708.02, filed June 28, 1999, to render the application special for examination purposes because the invention relates to the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS (MPEP 708.02 (X)).

The petition has been reviewed and it is found to be in compliance with the requirements for special status as set forth in 37 CFR 1.102(d) and in Section 708.02(X) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Subject alone to diligent prosecution by the applicants, this application will continue to be treated special throughout the entire prosecution in the Patent and Trademark Office.

The petition is GRANTED.


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